GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6128
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JOINING MILITANTS BY PMF PERSONNEL
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases involving para-military personnel deserting their force and joining militants have come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected and involved persons arrested during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): No such instance has been reported from any Force so far. However, in CRPF, Constable Mohd. Ashraf Shah while overstaying on his leave w.e.f. 26.10.2001, was arrested by Rastriya Rifles on 24.12.2001 with a wireless set, reportedly given to him by the militants. He was handed over to the Police on 28.12.2001. Two other CRPF Constables Azhar Hussain Khan and Khurshid Ganai, were dismissed from service w.e.f. 2.1.2002 for desertion of the Force. Subsequently, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai reported to have been killed in an encounter with the Security Forces and there are inputs that Azhar Hussain Khan has links with the militants.